

REMARKS

This in response to the Final Office Action issued on Feb. 11, 2004 in connection with the above identified application. The above listing of the claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration in light of the proposed amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

At an interview, held on April 5, 2004 at the USPTO with Examiners Dong and Patel, the manner in which the claimed structure has been read on the claims was discussed. The use of the term "lead" with respect to the claimed "lead rod" was discussed. Agreement was not reached as to the manner in which this term distinguished over the support wires which were disclosed in Bottone. However, in connection with the claimed plane, it was agreed that if the plane were to be defined as being "normal to and intersective with" the claimed lead rod, then this would distinguish over the arrangement disclosed in the Bottone reference.

It was agreed that the limitation would be entered and that pending a further search, that the application would be in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

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